ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP DIVISION



PROGRAM MANAGER: Jack Knorek | 517-243-0072 | knorekj@michigan.gov

The Spill Response Program provides technical assistance for agri-chemical and manure spills, including the approval of land application of spilled materials at agronomic rates. Individuals with a pesticide, fertilizer, or manure spill can call the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Spill Response line at 800-405-0101. An agreement between MDARD and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality allows for MDARD to take the lead in the state's response to agri-chemicals and manure. This voluntary program allows agricultural producers to minimize or eliminate environmental contamination resulting from a spill incident

IMPACT FOR MICHIGAN:

Michigan's farmers seek to raise food, feed, and fiber in a cost-effective and environmentally sensitive manner; the Spill Response Program provides support to address both aspects when accidents occur. While rare, accidents involving pesticides and/or fertilizers can present significant environmental risk.

FY18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Responded to and properly mitigated the impacts of 7 ag-chemical spills
- 72,000 pounds of spilled products safely land applied at agronomic rates



MEASURING SUCCESS:

Metric	2016	2017	2018
Spill Incidents Reported	8	11	7
Agronomic Application of Spilled Materials (pounds)	480	13,953	72,000
Landfill/Incineration of Spilled Materials (pounds)	2,185	0	330,000

FY19 PROGRAM GOAL:

• Improve after action documentation of spill responses with standardized Spill Incident Reporting Form.



KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- Agricultural suppliers and producers
- Environmental advocates and regulators
- Michigan consumers

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

 Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, Parts 83 (Pesticide Control) and 85 (Fertilizers)